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FROM : Robert Bowie
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Center

SUBJECT : Intelligence Support for Dr. Brzezinski

1. In the interest of regularizing and improving our support to Dr. Brzezinski I have decided to make some changes to existing White House support procedures. In the future, intelligence commentary and analysis that is judged to be significant enough to be brought to Dr. Brzezinski's attention will be sent by LDX to Bob Gates in the White House who will forward the material to Dr. Brzezinski. All such material, as detailed later in this memorandum, will be funneled through the Office of Current Operations. Bear in mind that the new procedures will be effective only if we are discriminating in what we send and if we do not overload the system.

2. Intelligence material to be passed to Dr. Brzezinski via Gates will take the form of preliminary comments on fast breaking foreign developments, advanced copies of selected NID articles, or typescript memoranda of unusual interest. (Prescribed formats are attached).

a. Spot Commentary: Spot commentaries (formerly called WHSR's) may be initiated by production offices, NIOs, or the OCO, Senior Operations Officer. Analysts in NFAC production offices will prepare the preliminary comments. Items should normally not exceed one page of single-spaced text; details on background source material should be kept to a minimum. Spot commentaries will be approved for release by the D/OCO or the DD/OCO.

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b. Current Analysis Article: From time to time, we may choose to send advance copies of coordinated NID articles to Dr. Brzezinski. We would do so only in cases where items were of unusual interest and some advantage would be gained by making them available in advance of publication. Such articles will be nominated by production offices and by OCO, and approved for LDXing by D/OCO or DD/OCO.

c. Intelligence Memorandum: Intelligence memoranda ("typescript") can cover a wide range of topics. The main criterion should be that the content of the memorandum is significant enough that I personally would want to bring it to Dr. Brzezinski's attention. I will look to the NFAC production offices and the NIOs to nominate appropriate memoranda from among those being prepared in the normal course of business for the NSC Staff, State, Defense, or other consumers. Here again, length is important. In the case of long memoranda we may want to send only the summary or key judgments. All memoranda nominated will be forwarded to D/OCO for my approval.

3. One final word. I do not expect, nor desire, that a great flood of paper will be generated for Dr. Brzezinski. I am more interested in quality than in quantity.



Robert Bowie

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